

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1871.

STATE OF VERMONT.

By JOHN W. STEWART, Governor.

A PROCLAMATION.

I do hereby appoint FRIDAY THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL, next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

Let us as a people, on that day refrain from our accustomed secular affairs, and unite in humble acknowledgement of our dependence upon God. Recognizing him as the God of Nations, as well as of individuals, let us invoke the continual bestowal of the blessings we have hitherto enjoyed, and entreat him, to avert from us the evils of war, pestilence, ignorance, and every form of social vice as children of a common Heavenly Father, let us unite in humble confession of our manifold sins; in earnest prayer for Divine forgiveness, through Christ our Saviour; for a more perfect faith in him and that through his grace we may attain to a complete Christian civilization.

Green under my hand and the seal of this State, in the twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-fifth.

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JAMES M. SLADE, JR.

Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs.

MISTAKEN POLICY. The action of the Senate in refusing to remove the duty on coal and salt may have been justifiable on principles governing caucus action, but cannot be defended from any other standpoint. The people desire to have these articles of prime necessity admitted duty free in order that a few rich monopolists may no longer control the market and put up when it suits their convenience; and they feel that to state off a measure of so much importance is to cooperate with oppression and monopoly. To remove the duties would not materially affect the revenues, while the advantages to the people would be felt at once. Senators will find it necessary to have good and valid reasons for their action on this matter when they return to their constituents.

CONSERVED. Connecticut Democrats of late have been vociferously claiming that they were never particularly opposed to negro suffrage, and that nobody should repudiate them on that late day on that account. The Republican newspapers of the State, however, have succeeded in making a little discovery, which almost looks as if it would have been just as well for the terrified to have kept rather quieter upon the subject. It seems that no later back than 1865, the Democratic Central Committee of the State issued an unusually distinct declaration of principles in regard to the voting of colored men, denouncing it in the most unambiguous terms, and the Republican editors, having found out this little discovery, are giving it the benefit of a most beneficial extent of publication.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTION.—All the towns in New Hampshire have been heard from except Haat's Location and Cambridge. The result is: Pike, 1 Democrat, 34,448; Weston, 1 Republican, 34,870; scattering, 1,117.—defeating Weston by 480. The two places named gave 12 votes last year, 4 for Stearns and 8 for Bedel. If they come in as last year, Weston is defeated by 182, allowance being made for inaccuracies by telegraph and otherwise. The Legislature stands, as near as can be estimated,—Senate, 6 Democrats; 5 Republicans; no choice House, 161 Republicans, 156 Democrats, and 13 to hear from, which are expected to make the House stand 167 Democrats and 169 Republicans. The councilors stand two of each party, with no choice in the First District. The Governor has given certificates to Messrs. Hibbard, Bell and Parker, democratic members of Congress elect, and they were to leave on Monday to take their seats.

TROY LINE OF STEAMERS.—The Troy line of steamers is composed this season, as last of the spacious, splendid, fast-sailing and well officered steamers, the Vanderbilt and Connecticut. These fine steamers make their daily trips between Troy and New York with great regularity and in being in direct communication with the cars of the Troy and Boston and Henssler and Saratoga railroads, they furnish the most convenient, economical and altogether most desirable route for all the Saratoga and Up North travel.

During the past season both the steamers of Troy Line have been subjected to the most thorough repairs and improvements. They have been refitted, newly painted, and newly carpeted at great expense, and with all their complete appointments are unrivaled for speed, luxury, safety and economy. The officers of each are substantially the same as last year, and Mr. R. P. Clapp, that most courteous and efficient of steamboat agents, is still the General Agent at Troy of this popular line of steamers.

THE SAN DOMINGO REPORT. It is stated that Mr. Wade's report on San Domingo closes with the remark that "to embrace this opportunity to plant our Republican institutions and establish civil liberty and American civilization upon that beautiful and productive island, thus laying the groundwork of a great, free and prosperous State, would add another to the achievements of our Republic worthy to rank with the noblest of our history, and would be equally beneficial to the people of both countries." Mr. Howe fully coincides with Mr. Wade's objects to the above words, as he thinks the duty of the Commission is to report facts and not give opinions. But Mr. Wade is firm on the point, and Mr. Howe will probably sign the report after he has been permitted to insert some additional historical facts. The idea of three separate reports has been given up. The report will be about four ordinary newspaper columns in length.

A correspondent at Key West says that Mr. Wade calls Cabrera a "chicken thief," and says it was unnecessary to see him; that it makes no difference if he is opposed to annexation. Mr. Howe was in favor of delaying the expedition at Port-au-Prince until Cabrera could be seen. Gen. Bled filed a claim with the Commission for personal indemnity of nearly \$100,000, for destruction of property, &c., which he insists must be paid if annexation occurs. He is willing to accept the old treaty. The Commissioners will all visit Washington as soon as they return. The expenses of the expedition thus far are about \$10,000, exclusive of ship expenses.

—Mr. J. B. Reynolds barn in the village of Rutland was burned on Saturday last together with the hay in the upper part of it. Loss estimated at \$8,000. Insurance \$4,000.

CONCENTRATED INFLUENCE.—GOING

THROUGH A POLICE STATION TO COMMIT A ROBBERY. One of the coolest and most impudent acts of robbery on record was perpetrated at Hyde Park, recently. Early in the evening four "rovers" looking fellows, rather seely looking in their garments and having generally an impudent aspect, applied at the police station for lodgings. Their names and description were registered as is customary, each was given a supper and all were taken into an apartment with wooden walls which is used for the accommodation of "tramps" and transient, but innocent visitors. One of the party had a bundle under his arm, but as the parties were not under arrest there was no thought of searching them, so into the cell went the bundle. Its use was not made apparent until this morning, when the proprietor of a dry goods store in a corner building as the police quarters came into the latter and reported that his place had been robbed of undershirts, drawers, money, &c., to the amount of about \$75. On investigation it was observed that one of the walls of the room in which the "lodgers" had been locked was a partition separating the police station from the store—a fact which the "lodgers" were undoubtedly aware of before they were taken into an apartment with wooden walls with which the lodgers had made a hole through the partition and through which they had entered into the store. After helping themselves to whatever they wanted, they leisurely walked out of the store through the front door, leaving their tools behind.

THE BROOKLYN ASSASSIN HAS HIS COUNTERPART IN CHARLESTOWN.—For some weeks the papers of New York and other places have been full of accounts of a fellow who delights in marring the facial beauty of ladies in Brooklyn or committing other assaults with a knife, and fleeing the moment he has inflicted a wound. Whether this is mythical or not, a case occurred in Charlestown last week which is too real for the personal comfort of the victim, a single lady who has lived in one family as a domestic for fourteen years. She came to Boston to call on some friends on Tuesday evening, and returned to Charlestown in one of the red line coaches in the vicinity of ten o'clock. She had not proceeded far from the end of the route on Main street, toward her home on Bunker Hill street, before she was assaulted by a man whom she cannot describe. He caught her by the shoulder, pulled her about, and stabbed her in the arm, wounding it badly above the elbow, and then struck at her side with his knife, but her corset partially protected her, so that the wound was only slight, although deep enough to cause considerable bleeding. She screamed and started to run, when her assailant fled. She fell down, when a man came out of a liquor saloon, offering to aid her, but she declined his assistance, and soon a policeman arrived and helped her home. As she has never had trouble of any kind with any one, she thinks it a case of mistaken identity, but the most probable theory is that the fellow who assaulted her had no special motive, except to follow a vicious inclination.

More Reform in Politics.

It must be evident to a casual observer that a great struggle is impending in this country, and even in this state, between the friends of virtue and religion, as to the possession of political power. This question is not altogether a new one, it has had its trial, in various forms, in the past. But then it has been upon questions more or less indirect; and one of these questions was, in the Providence of God, taken out of the domain of party politics and submitted to, and settled, so far as it could be, by the arbitrament of the ballot. We refer to slavery. But even this question has, in its settlement, left a residuum of evil to be disposed of, that will make the question more directly one of right and wrong than the former one. For it is evident that the powers in the south opposed to any just and equitable measure of reconstruction, stand ready at the first opportunity to ally themselves with any power alien to justice and saving of corruption and evil.

The scorn which certain conservative secular newspapers, here in Vermont, show towards any morally reformatory measures such, for example, as temperance, most manifestly evinces a low state of moral virtue. So low indeed, that to secure political honors they are ready, at the first chance, to strike hands with any party or power, which can, or ready to help to the attainment of power, not only the question of temperance, now, like that of slavery in the past, cannot be kept from the sphere of political action. The very enemies of temperance compel such action, as the friends of slavery, political issues. The devil would not still if the Lord would. The Evil is ever aggressive—a positive power. It enters at once in this state, between the friends of virtue and religion, as to the possession of political power. This question is not altogether a new one, it has had its trial, in various forms, in the past. But then it has been upon questions more or less indirect; and one of these questions was, in the Providence of God, taken out of the domain of party politics and submitted to, and settled, so far as it could be, by the arbitrament of the ballot. We refer to slavery. But even this question has, in its settlement, left a residuum of evil to be disposed of, that will make the question more directly one of right and wrong than the former one. For it is evident that the powers in the south opposed to any just and equitable measure of reconstruction, stand ready at the first opportunity to ally themselves with any power alien to justice and saving of corruption and evil.

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